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Application No.

09/735,133

Applicant(s)

Wilkinson

Notice of Allowability

Examiner
Shih-yung Hsieh

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other application of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.3	ropriate communication will be mailed in due course. is application is subject to withdrawal from issue at				
1. X This communication is responsive to 1/28, 2/13, and 2/26/2002					
2. X The allowed claim(s) is/are 6					
3. X The drawings filed on Jan 28, 2002 are acceptable as for	rmal drawings.				
4. Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35	i U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).				
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:					
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3 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	4 ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No 6 ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment				
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9 Other	`				

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- 1. Claim 6 is allowable over the prior art for at least the reason that the prior art fails to reasonably teach or suggest a guitar pick comprising a circular bevel region surrounding a center hole of said pick, and a plurality of grip protrusions protrude from said bevel region as set forth in the claimed combination.
- 2. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to (David) S.Y. Hsieh at telephone number (703) 308-1031.

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